

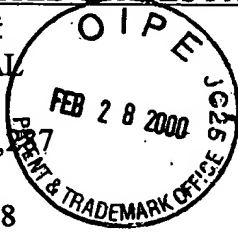
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:
HUI-JUNG WU, ET AL

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OF NANOPOROUS SILICA



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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AN
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Request is hereby made for the consideration of the within Information Disclosure Statement. The references are enumerated on the enclosed PTO 1449. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$240.00 petition fee to deposit account 01-1125.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.01-1125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Roberts", written over a horizontal line.

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